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Encirclement of Pulmonary Veins for Epicardial Ablation

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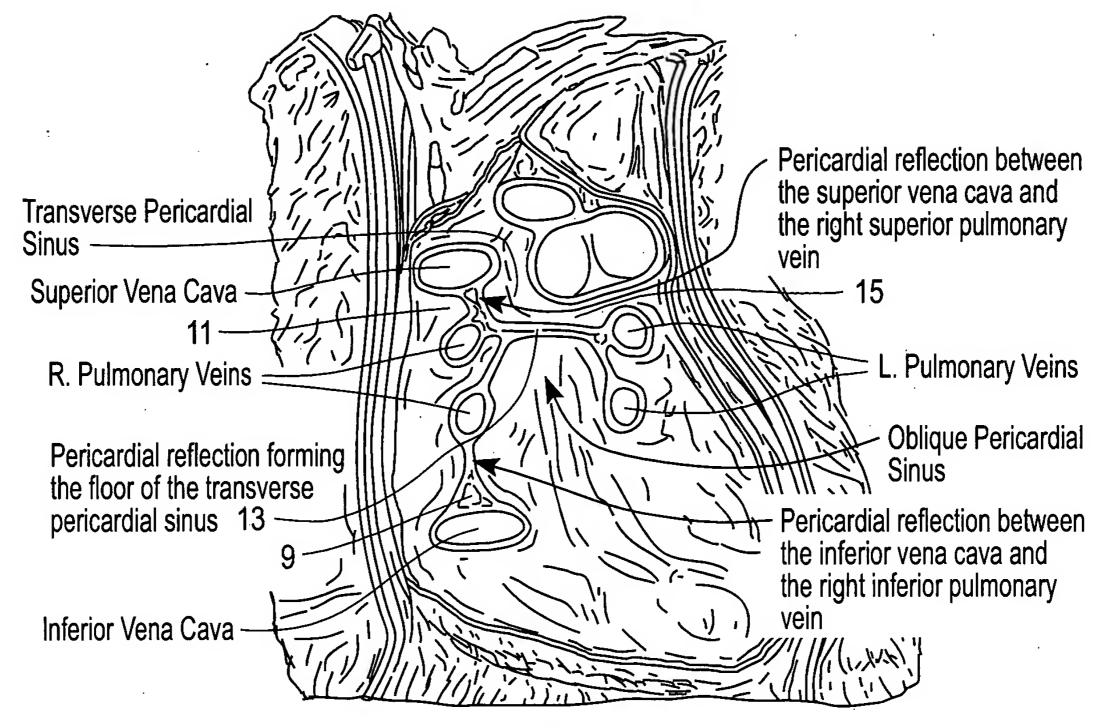
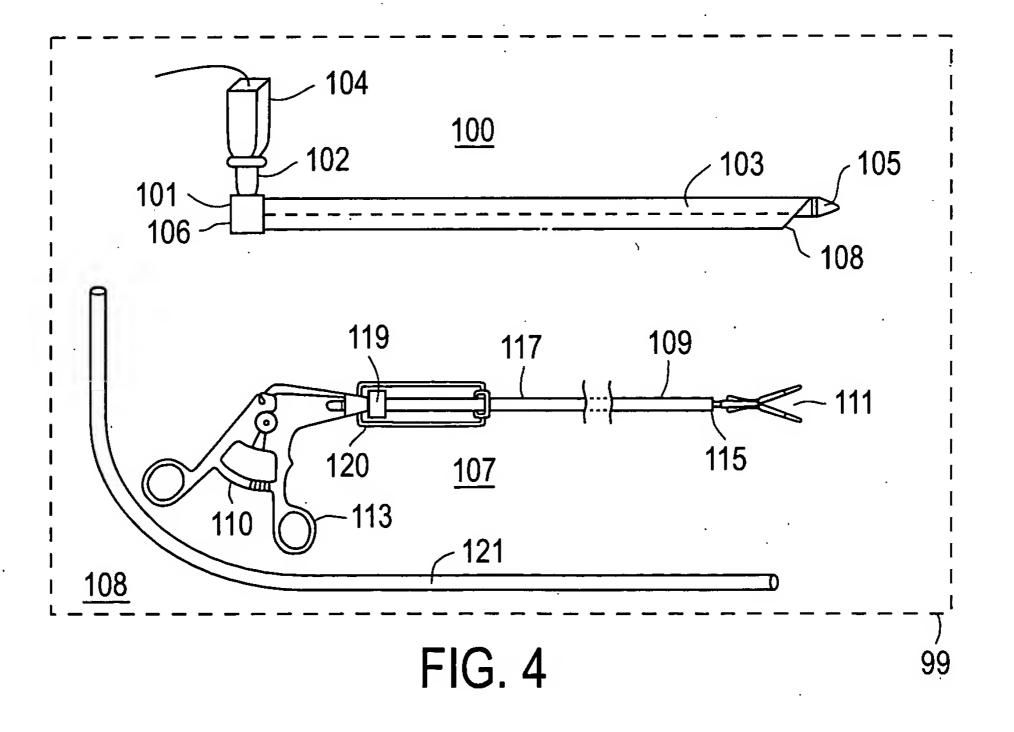


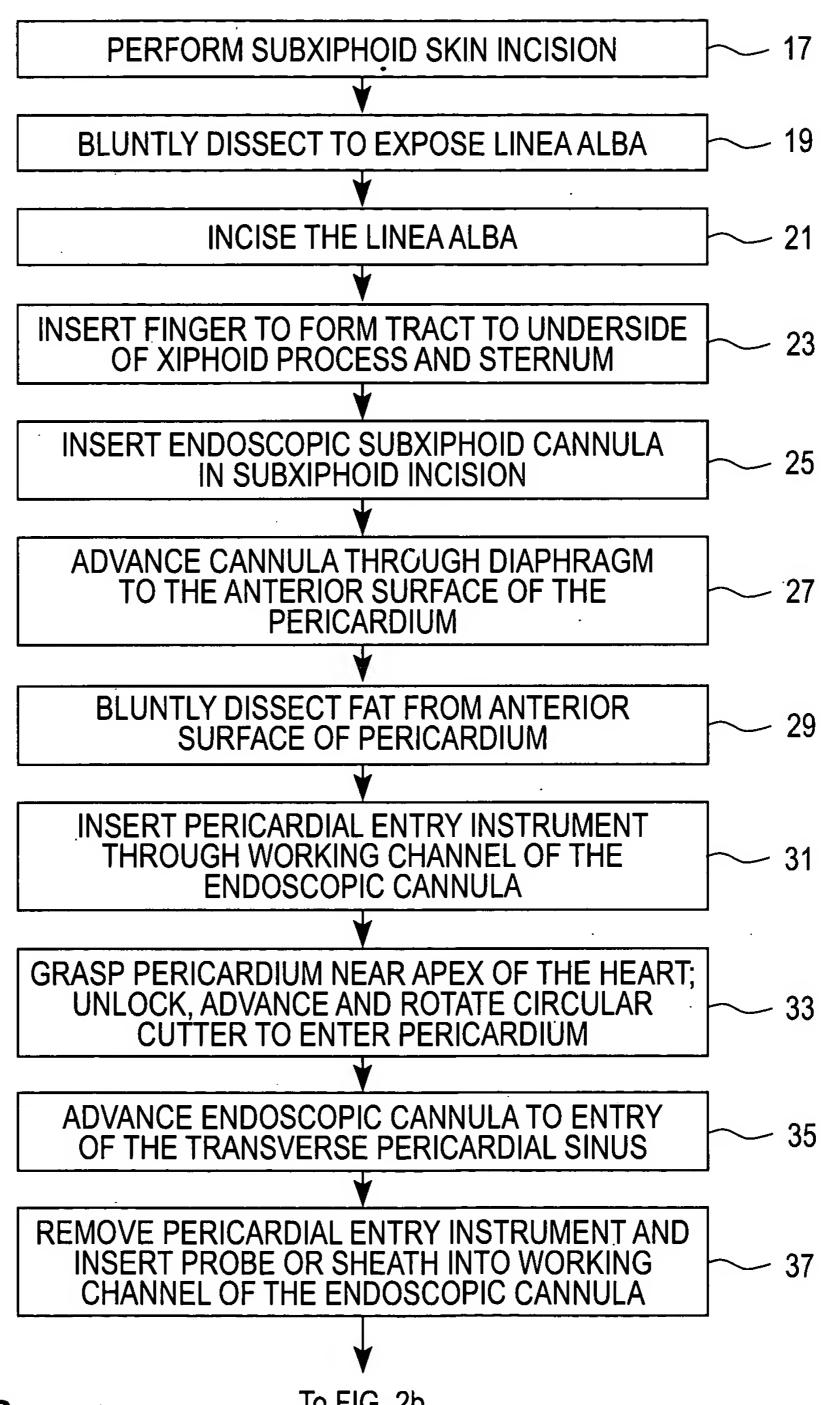
FIG. 1



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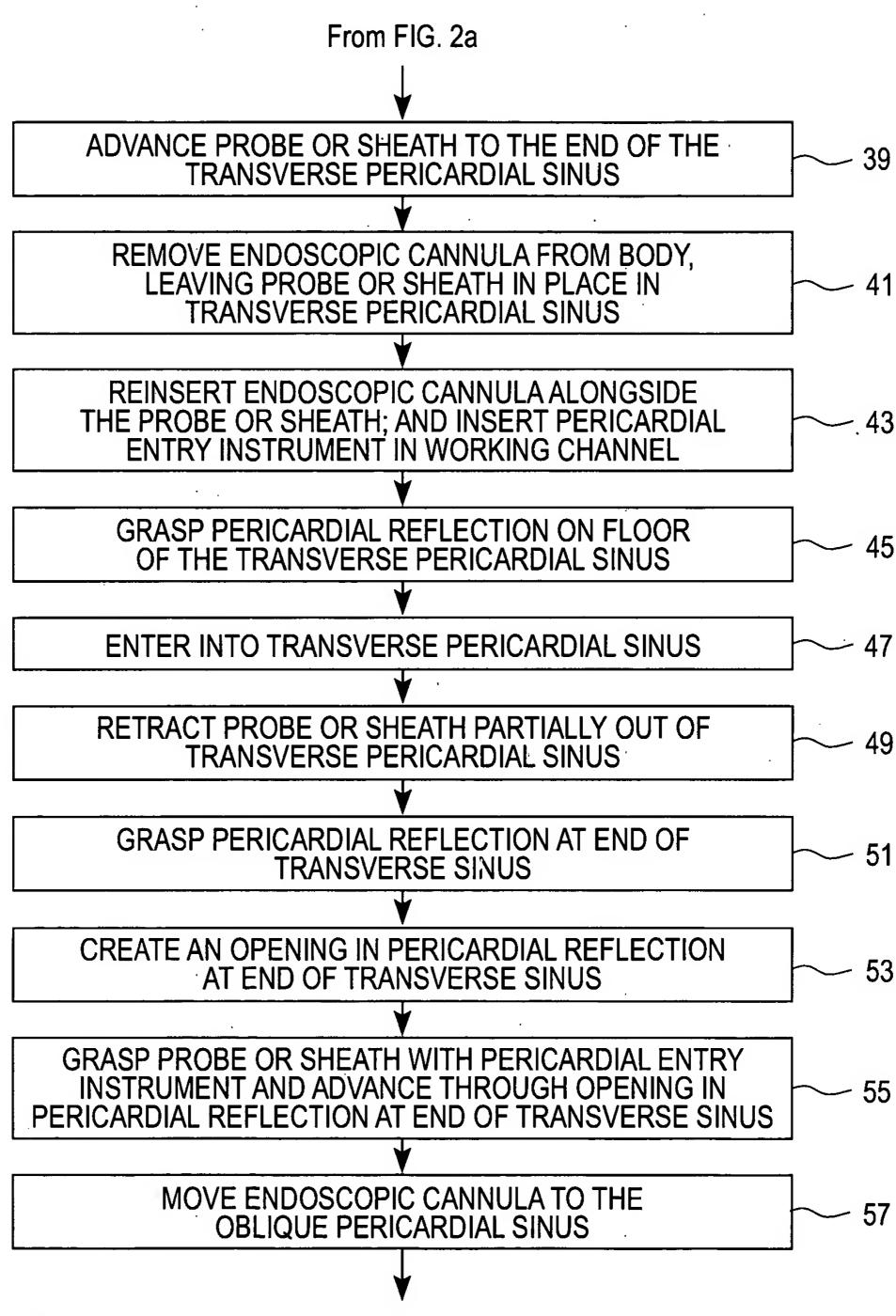


FIG. 2b

To FIG. 2c

From FIG. 2b GRASP PERICARDIAL REFLECTION BETWEEN INFERIOR VENA CAVA AND RIGHT INFERIOR PULMONARY VEIN 59 WITH PERICARDIAL ENTRY INSTRUMENT CREATE AN OPENING IN PERICARDIAL REFLECTION 61 BETWEEN INFERIOR VENA CAVA AND RIGHT **PULMONARY VEIN** INSERT ENDOSCOPIC CANNULA THROUGH 63 OPENING IN PERICARDIAL REFLECTION AND **GRASP PROBE OR SHEATH** PULL PROBE OR SHEATH THROUGH OPENING IN PERICARDIAL REFLECTION INTO OBLIQUE 65 PERICARDIAL SINUS HOLD PROBE OR SHEATH WITH GRASPER IN OBLIQUE PERICARDIAL SINUS TO FORM A LOOP 67 **ENCIRCLING THE FOUR PULMONARY VEINS** IF SHEATH USED, ADVANCE PROBE - 68 THROUGH SHEATH

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FIG. 2c

APPLY POWER TO PROBE TO ABLATE ATRIAL TISSUE AROUND THE PULMONARY VEINS

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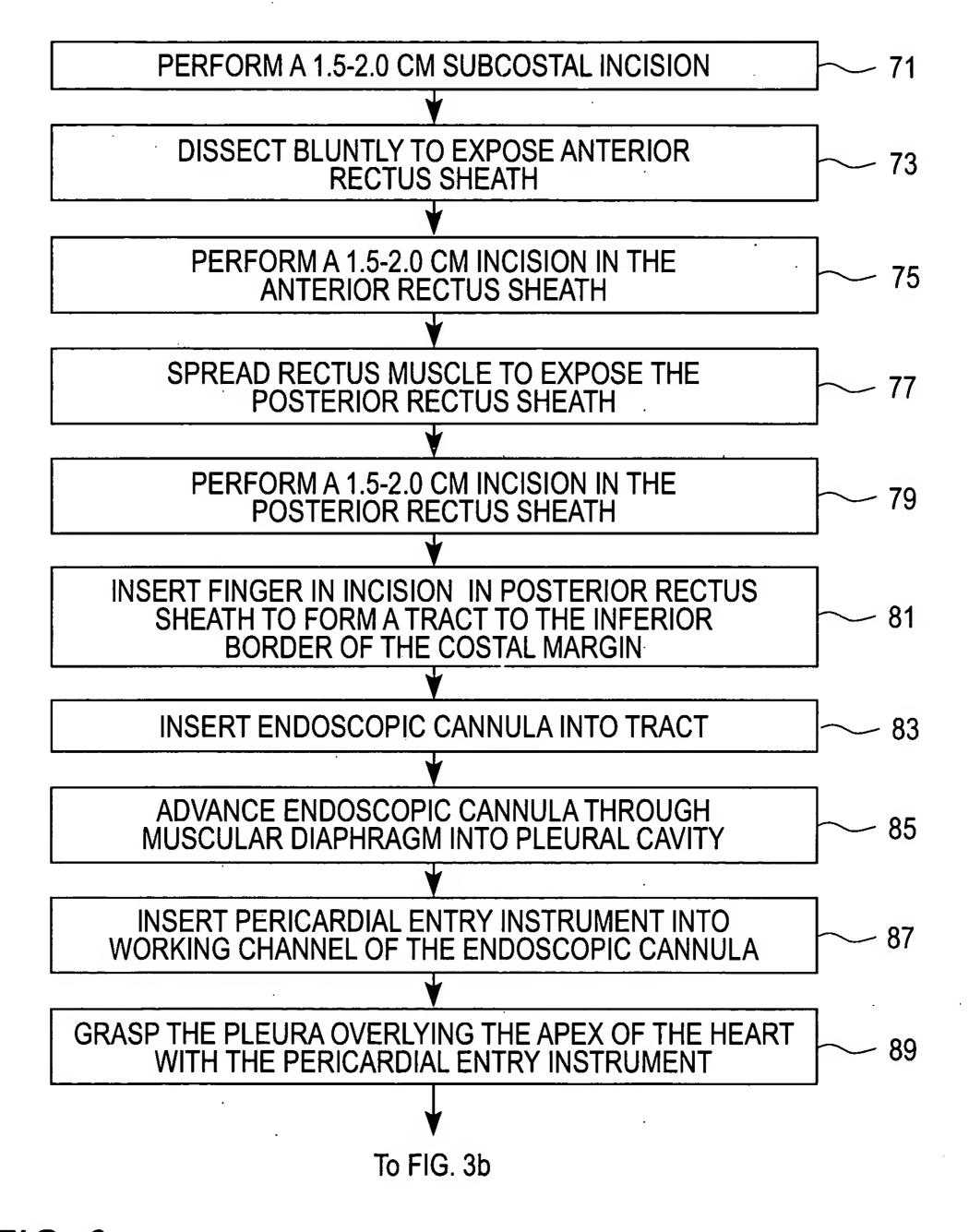


FIG. 3a

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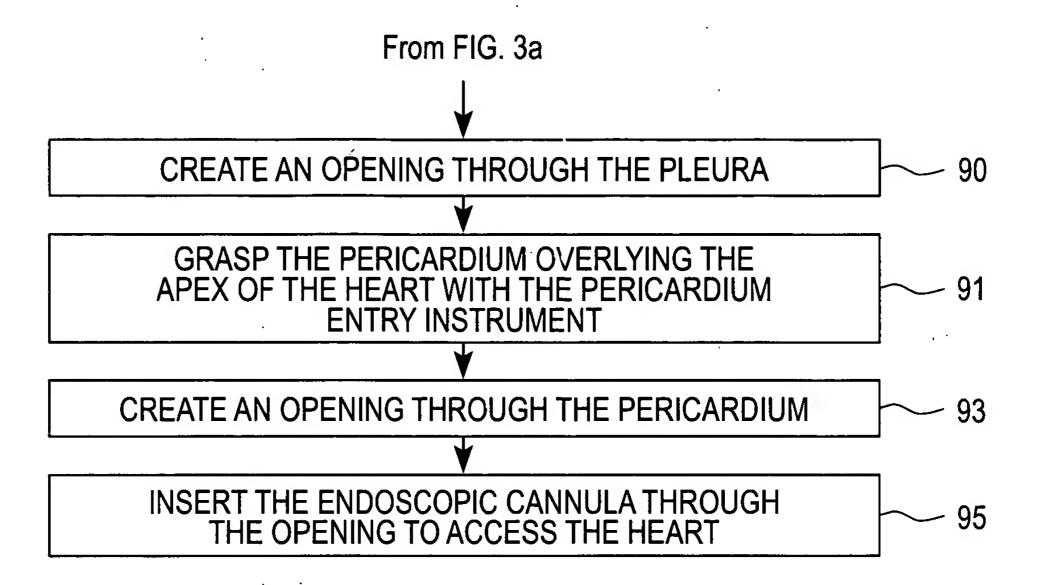


FIG. 3b